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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

I, Garry Flanigan, hereby declare that:-

1. I am an Australian citizen and resident.
2. I am employed by Stabilus Pty. Ltd. ("Stabilus AU"), (an Australian company of 65 Redwood Drive, Dingley, Victoria, Australia which company is a subsidiary of Stabilus GmbH, Koblenz, Germany - "Stabilus DE") and hold a Bachelor of Engineering degree. Stabilus DE developed, manufactures and sells the gas spring otherwise known as "gas strut". Stabilus AU Imports and manufactures and sells gas struts ("Stabilus struts") in *inter alia*, Australia on behalf of Stabilus DE. (Stabilus AU and Stabilus DE being collectively referred to as "Stabilus").
3. I have been employed by Stabilus AU for about 7 years and as a result, I am well aware of the nature and uses of Stabilus and other gas struts.
4. I am aware of the Wilkinson trolley having four castors and a fixed fifth wheel mounted on a gas strut. I was surprised at the use Wilkinson was making of the gas strut. To the best of my knowledge Wilkinson's use of the gas strut is unprecedented in it's use in the control wheel for trolleys.

I hereby declare that all statements made by me herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both

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under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereto.

Date

January 19, 2001

Signed


Garry Flanigan

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